

SANCTUARY

Newsletter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Elberton, Georgia

Calendar

Holy Eucharist, Sundays,
10:30 a.m. (July 13, SafeHouse
collection)

Sunday School and Bible
Study, in recess until Sept. 8

July 4, Independence Day

July 14, Vestry meeting, 6 p.m.

July Birthdays

Brook Gaffney, July 1; Andrea
Martin, July 5; Ashley Barclay,
July 17

Married

We wish John Jenkins and
Beth Seawright Jenkins a long
and happy married life. The
wedding took place on May 3.

Prayer List

Al, Becky, Beth & Bill, Betty &
Richard, Charles H., Charles J.,
Christy, Ellen, Emma, Gage,
John, Judy, Mersadees, Paula,
William, and others in our
hearts.



Rector's Reflection

Our Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the official book of worship in the Episcopal Church. It gives us our liturgical forms, prayers, and instructions so that all can share in our common worship.

Our worship and piety has been rooted in our prayer book since the first one was published in 1549! The prayer book we use today is a descendant of this first English prayer book and others that followed, especially the one published in 1662.

The first American prayer book was ratified by General Convention in 1789. We have ratified our BCP only in 1892, 1922, and 1979. We don't change it very often. Alterations and additions to the BCP must be approved by two successive General Conventions. We think, pray, and talk a lot before we make a change.

Our prayer book provides us not just with our liturgies for the Holy Eucharist in traditional language (Rite I) and in contemporary language (Rite II) but also with prayers, thanksgivings, daily devotions, the Psalms, an outline of faith, historical documents, and special services.

It contains all we need for our shared prayer together.
Our common prayer.

The Rev. John Keeler+

Note: The potluck meal at the church on July 29 after the Eucharist was enjoyed by those attending (counted at 19 or 20). As usual the good cooks of St. Alban's came up with a variety of delicious dishes. Marilyn Slocumbe coordinated the food effort.

June 9 Vestry Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Fr. John opened with prayer. [Minutes and Treasurer's Report were presented and approved.]

Steve Jenkins and Charles Duke presented the wardens' reports, which included a proposal for laying sod/landscaping the former playground area. Mr. Jenkins will contact the landscaper for the best time to start this project, considering the dryness and heat of the summer. Motion to engage the landscaping services was tabled until a good start date can be determined.

Charles Romine and Charles Duke have pressure washed [the outside of the basement], but scraping still needs to be done. It was generally agreed that a good white latex paint will be best once the area is ready for painting.

Fr. John presented the rector's report. He proposed that the vestry spend some time looking for ways to do outreach. He is working with Joe Watson of First Methodist.

Suggestions for publicizing the outreach work of St. Alban's were made: photos in the *Elberton Star* of the full barrel of goods collected for SafeHouse; publishing the SafeHouse collection date in the *Star*; having a barbecue fundraiser for SafeHouse.

Under old business, Fr. John reported he had received six negative and two positive responses to the idea of replacing playground equipment. Carole Oglesby reported she had received expressions of concern about liability. Natasha Clay presented two ads for playground sets that would cost \$350 to \$500 rather than the \$3,600 to \$3,700 previously considered. The vestry agreed to table the playground decision until after a decision about the timing of the landscaping project is reached.

Discussion took place about establishing a scholarship in celebration of Marcia Jenkins's life.

Discussion took place about remodeling the kitchen. No pledges have been received to date. Fr. John will continue to ask for donations and will call upon Debra Romine during announcement time on Sunday.

The vestry voted to purchase a DAR quilt sign to be erected on the Church Street side of the property. It will feature the Episcopal Church logo on a red background. A picture will be emailed to the *Elberton Star*.

Fr. John will find out what permissions are needed for placement of two signs ("The Episcopal Church Welcomes You") on Hwy 72 and two on Hwy 77. Decision whether to purchase was deferred until permissions have been determined.

The next meeting date was set for July 14. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Robyn Keeler, Vestry Secretary

Places to Go

Japan

In February Suzanne Moore joined her sister Karen Amundrud in visiting Karen's son Thomas, his wife Mayuko, and their baby Ange Lynn at their home at Utsu, Japan. During their stay, they were able to sightsee in that part of Japan. They attended a bonsai festival at Nagahama and encountered the sacred deer of Nara (who were a bit too friendly, nipping at Karen and rummaging in her handbag for food).

Suzanne's favorite place was Kyoto, the capital of Japan for a thousand years. They toured a number of Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines there and even discovered an Episcopal Church (guess which photo shows that). They loved the Museum of Traditional Crafts of Japan.



Europe

In June, the seventieth anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy, Bob and Marilyn Slocumbe toured World War II-related sites in England, France, and Germany. Highlights included the Normandy Beach and Cemetery (see photo below left), the Berlin Wall (see photo below right), and Dachau. They collected a pebble from Omaha Beach and brought it back to Fr. John in memory of his uncle, who died during the D-Day Invasion and is buried at the Normandy Cemetery.

Tour stops unrelated to the war included the hometowns of Martin Luther and Wolfgang Mozart.



If you have been somewhere that members would find interesting, send information and photos to me and I'll try to work them in.
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The photo to the left shows the second of two awnings added over the parish hall doors. A motion light has also been installed on the other, larger awning. Charles Duke and Charles Romine have pressure washed and stripped the outside basement walls. Outside staircase rails have been painted, and painting of outside walls is underway.



(Left) The thurible given in memory of Marcia Jenkins and the large-print Bibles given in memory of Rod Stovall were dedicated on June 15, Trinity Sunday. The thurible had its first use at the service on June 8, the Day of Pentecost, and the Bibles have a home near the church entrance to be used as needed.



(Right) Malachi Sosby, grandson of Tammy Elliott, served as acolyte for the first time at the dedication service.



Drew Whitlow, a former St. Alban's Sunday School attendee, will compete on July 2 in an international quartet meet at Las Vegas. In the photo the Riverside Quartet (Drew second from left) react upon hearing the amount donated by a recent concert audience to pay for their plane tickets to Las Vegas. Drew is the grandson of Marilyn Slocumbe and the son of Jeff and Luanne Whitlow.



